

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 15-19 were rejected based on a defective reissue declaration under 35 USC 251.

The Official Action indicates that an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.75(b)(1) will overcome the rejection under 35 USC 251.

Applicants submit herewith a reissue application supplemental declaration by the inventors that includes the inventors' mailing addresses and residences. The declaration also includes the language indicated in the Official Action that is deemed acceptable in a supplemental oath/declaration. Entry of the declaration is respectfully requested.

As to the requirements under 37 CFR 1.178, 37 CFR 1.178(a) provides that the application for reissue of a patent shall constitute an offer to surrender that patent and this surrender shall take effect upon reissue of the patent. Accordingly, filing the reissue application on July 15, 2003 is believed to satisfy the requirements under 37 CFR 1.178(a).

Since the noted defects are addressed, the rejection under 35 USC 251 should be withdrawn and the reissue application should be granted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a terminal disclaimer
- a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figure of the drawings
- a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- two Reissue Application Supplemental Declarations by the Inventors